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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 43 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Davis (Wash)

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University on being ranked third in the nation for its programs in rural medicine by *U.S. News and World Report*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the members of this General Assembly should honor those exemplary academic institutions that have made significant contributions to their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University is one such remarkable educational institution that is most assuredly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, the James H. Quillen College of Medicine was ranked third in the nation among more than 300 schools by *U.S. News and World Report* for its rural medicine programs; and

WHEREAS, the rankings are based on a reputation survey that is sent to academic deans and senior faculty members at medical and nursing programs across the country; the recipients of the survey are asked to rank the schools in terms of their reputation in a variety of programs and specialty offerings; and

WHEREAS, this high ranking is particularly special this year, since it is the medical school's 25th anniversary of its founding; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald D. Franks, ETSU Dean of Medicine and Vice President for Health Affairs, commented, “The Quillen College of Medicine is extremely honored to once again earn national distinction for our rural medicine programs. It is especially gratifying to know that our peers at other medical schools across the nation recognize our commitment to providing high-quality training in this important specialty (rural medicine)”; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Franks’ capable leadership, the James H. Quillen College of Medicine has been consistently recognized as one of the premier medical schools in the nation; and

WHEREAS, last year, the James H. Quillen College of Medicine was ranked sixth in the nation for its programs in rural medicine; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause in their deliberations to specially honor this exceptional institution for higher learning in medicine; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate the administration, faculty, staff, and student body of the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University on being ranked third in the nation among graduate schools for their exceptional programs in rural medicine, salute them for their continuous pursuit of excellence, and wish them much success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.